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SUBJECT: FRANCE AND GMO LOW LEVEL PRESENCE

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[1](#)1. Per reftel, Post delivered talking points to French Ministries of Agriculture (MinAg), Environment, and Economy on low levels of unapproved biotech products in imports.

[1](#)2. French MinAg does not foresee any change in the general EU policy on low-level presence of biotech products not authorized in the EU but authorized in third countries, i.e., a zero tolerance is likely to remain. Depending on the outcome of ongoing work within the Codex Alimentarius on this issue, EU authorities may show more flexibility in the future on a case by case basis. For example, imported products that are found to have traces of biotech products for which the EU authorization process is advanced may be allowed to enter the EU market.

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